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For: **SPLICING OF DIGITAL VIDEO TRANSPORT STREAMS**Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

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5,099,319	Esch et al.	Mar. 24, 1992
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Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending U.S. patent applications:

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Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

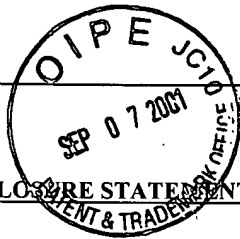
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